



## AGM 1 May 2023

The 144th Annual General Meeting of the Essex Association of Change Ringers will be held on the Bank Holiday Monday, 1 May 2023 at 11.45.

The arrangements will follow the traditional pattern:

- 9:15–10.15 General ringing
- 10.15–10.30 Service Touch by the Master's invited band
- 10.30 Service
- 11.45 Annual General Meeting to conclude by 13:00

The general ringing at the Cathedral is open to EVERYONE and will cater for all levels of experience. There will be refreshments in the Cathedral before the service and again afterwards whilst we set up for the meeting.

We have an interesting Agenda this year including an item on the bequests; the Master Andrew Kelso will present the strategy for bequests.

Other agenda items include the election of Honorary Officers and naming of Appointed Officers and District Officers. The full Agenda and the Minutes of the 2022 Meeting will be included in the Annual Report. Please do come along and have your say on all these matters.

The AGM will be followed by afternoon ringing and tea in the Southern District.

Sharon Lacey  
General Secretary

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## Hidden Resources



Are you a teacher looking for another way to explain Bob Doubles to your learner? Or maybe you're a ringer wondering what the difference is between Stedman Doubles and Stedman Bob Doubles?

Over the years, Essex tutors have developed resources for their courses run during the annual Ringing Course and at other times. These have been hidden away but now we have developed a searchable site so that everyone can use these valuable documents, videos and presentations when teaching or in their own ringing development. The resources can be found here: <https://ehive.com/collections/203920/eacr-ringing-resources> (Link also on EACR.org.uk under 'Education and Training'.)

From a little gem such as Liz Rayner's 'Discovery of Plain Hunt's Rhythm' to Andrew Taylor's series of documents to help you call Grandsire – Doubles or Triples – you'll find lots to help you advance your ringing skills. Either use the search bar or click on the tags. To view everything click on 'View all' on the right-hand side of the home page. More will follow so make sure you check back regularly.

If you have any queries, direct them to the EACR Education Officer on [education@eacr.org.uk](mailto:education@eacr.org.uk). With thanks to Mark Jones from Layer-de-la-Haye for developing the resource. Could you help with maintaining the site? If yes, contact the Education Officer as above. If you like what we've done, recommend us to a ringing friend!

## ART courses

Are you interested in undertaking an ART course – either a Module 1 "Teaching Bell Handling" or Module 2F "From rounds to plain hunt" or 2C "From rounds to Methods"? If so, please let me, Beth Johnson, Education Officer, know. Once we have five to six ringers interested in a course we can apply to ART to set one up in Essex. If you're not sure, see the ART website here: <https://events.bellringing.org/courses-for-teachers>. Contact me on [education@eacr.org.uk](mailto:education@eacr.org.uk)

Beth Johnson



## *Annual Dinner: date and venue change*

Put the date in your diary now  
Saturday **28** October 2023

### **68th Essex Association Dinner**

at  
**County Hotel, Chelmsford**

Look out for details of the menu and the early bird ticket price  
on the website

## That's a First!

### Quarter peals:

1st quarter: Shân Stewart (1st attempt), Adrian Gurnett, Alexander Gurnett, Pamela Ayling, Morgan Mandell (1st attempt), Josie Rapley Mende (1st attempt), Ian Apps, Angus Threadgold, Rebecca M Sharples

1st on cover: Hilary C Walls

1st inside: Oliver Lee, Alfie Holland, Courtney J A Mandell, Simon N Ward

1st Treble Bob hunt: Michelle A Stephenson, Hannah Brooks, Hayden R Musham

1st Minor: Matthew Little, Oliver Clinton

1st Minor inside: Courtney Mandell, Helen Bridgman

1st St Clement's: Bernard Arscott

1st Triples: Sarah Knights, Annemarie Adams

1st Grandsire: Ellis Whitehouse, Jodie Hill, Sharon Lacey

1st Stedman: Ellis Whitehouse

1st Surprise: David A Buckley, John M Church

1st Cambridge Surprise: James Green, Sarah Robbins

1st Major inside: Michelle A Stephenson

1st on 10 inside: Lucas J Owen

1st Stedman Caters: Rachel Arnold

1st Royal: Ellis Whitehouse

1st on 12: Hal Meakin

1st in hand: Debbie Hill

25th quarter: Jodie Hill

50th quarter: Neil Pasmore

100th quarter: Bradley Hill, Samuel Beech

200th quarter: James Green

300th quarter: Debbie Hill

25th together: Samuel Beech & John Harpole

50th together: Clare Beech & William Beech

100th together: Andrew Beech & John Harpole

1st as Conductor: Lucas J Owen

1st Minor as Conductor: David Newton

1st Major as Conductor: Andrew Beech

1st Grandsire as Conductor: Gary Howard

1st Kent TB as Conductor: Beth Johnson

1st Surprise as Conductor: James Green, Mark Robbins

50th quarter as Conductor: Roger Carey-Smith

**Peals:**

1st peal: Rachel Arnold (1st attempt), Samuel A Beech

1st inside: Courtney J A Mandell

1st on 10: Alice V Kirk, William M Beech

1st in hand: Andrew R C Kelso

2550th peal: James L Towler

150th for the Association: Stephen J Nash

100th together: David M Hengeli & Alan P Mayle

150th together: Christine C L Seaman & Patrick L H Brooke

1st peal as Conductor: Neil M Pasmore

*Information to end of February. Apologies to anyone inadvertently omitted.*

## From the Registers

65<sup>th</sup> birthday: Kate Barker; Mandy Miles

70<sup>th</sup> birthday: Graham Lennard; James Green

75<sup>th</sup> birthday: Helen Bridgman

45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary: Ken & Jo Elliott

Deaths: We regret to report the deaths of Lionel Woods, of Hornchurch, former Central Council representative; David Chalk, of Harlow; Mark Spurgeon, formerly of Danbury and Writtle; Tom Roast, formerly of Danbury; John Stephenson, of Hornchurch; Ronald Blythe CBE, Honorary member, of Wormingford; Peter Childs, Life member, formerly of Boreham

## Practice Diary

Apr	12	12-bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:30
	15	Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	17	Advance Minor practice	N Ockendon	S	7:30
		District practice	Galleywood	SE	7:45
	18	Advanced 6-bell practice	Henham	NW	7:30
	22	District 8-bell practice	Gt Bentley	NE	2:30
	24	District 8-bell practice	Radwinter	NW	7:30
	25	Advanced 8-bell practice	Goldhanger	SE	7:45
	28	Surprise Minor practice	Henham	NW	7:30
	29	Training morning	Southminster	SE	9:30
May	4	10-12 bell basic methods practice			
			Bishop's Stortford	NW	7:30
	9	Doubles & Minor practice	Langham	NE	7:30
	10	12-bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:30
	12	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	13	What shall I try next? practice			
				S Ockendon	SE
	16	Advanced 6-bell practice	Henham	NW	7:30
	19	District practice	Gt Totham	SE	7:45
	20	Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	23	Surprise practice	Rayleigh	S	7:30
		District 8-bell practice	Thaxted	NW	7:30
	26	Surprise Minor practice	Henham	NW	7:30
	27	Raising & lowering in peal training day			
			St Osyth	NE	10:00
30	Advanced 8-bell practice	Terling	SE	7:45	
Jun	1	8-10 bell basic methods practice			
			Bishop's Stortford	NW	7:30
	3	Higher numbers practice	Hornchurch	S	10:00
	9	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	12	Advanced Minor practice	N Ockendon	S	7:30
	14	12-bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:30
	17	Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	20	Advanced 6-bell practice	Henham	NW	7:30
	23	Surprise Minor practice	Henham	NW	7:30
	24	District training morning	Galleywood	SE	9:30
	27	Advanced 8-bell practice	Danbury	SE	7:45

Jul	1	What shall I try next? practice	S Ockendon	SE	10:00
	6	10-12 bell basic methods practice	Bishop's Stortford	NW	7:30
	12	12-bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:30
	14	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	15	Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	18	Advanced 6-bell practice	Henham	NW	7:30
		Surprise practice	Fobbing	S	7:30
	20	District practice	Lt Baddow	SE	7:45
	25	Advanced 8-bell practice	Goldhanger	SE	7:45
	28	Surprise Minor practice	Henham	NW	7:30
Aug	3	8-10 bell basic methods practice	Bishop's Stortford	NW	7:30
	9	12-bell practice	Waltham Abbey	NW	7:30
	11	Surprise Major practice	Felsted	N/NW	2:00
	15	Advanced 6-bell practice	Henham	NW	7:30
	19	Advanced practice	Braintree	N	7:30
	25	Surprise Minor practice	Henham	NW	7:30
	26	Higher numbers practice	Writtle	SE	10:00
	29	Advanced 8-bell practice	Terling	SE	7:45

## Dates for your Diary

Apr	1	SE England Youth Striking Contest (SEECON)			
	13–15	<b>Essex Ringing Course</b>	Coggeshall		
May	1	<b>Association AGM</b>	Chelmsford		
	20	District meeting & striking competition	Gt Chishill	NW	9:30
		Method striking competition	Shenfield	SE	2:30
	20	<b>Association Trustees' Meeting</b>			<b>2:30</b>
Jun	3	District meeting & striking competition	Ardleigh	NE	2:00
		District meeting & striking competitions	Burnham-on-Crouch	SE	4:00
Jul	1	<b>Association Striking Competitions</b>			
	8	<b>Ringing World National Youth Competition</b>			

The next edition of *Rounds & About* is planned for August 2023. Please send contributions and suggestions for articles to [newsletter@eacr.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@eacr.org.uk) or by post to Fred Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth CM21 9DB by **1 July 2023**.